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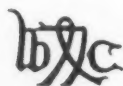
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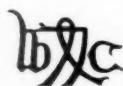
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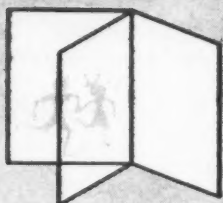
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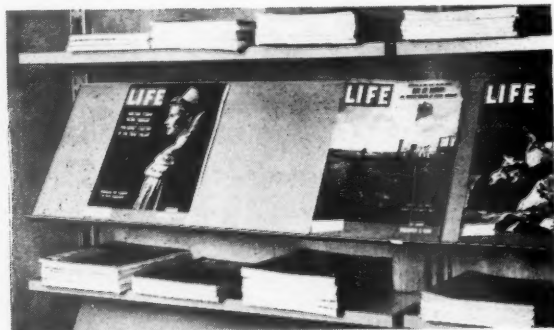
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THE President's PAGE

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PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

The past years have indeed prepared for the future work of this organization. Mrs. Sue Gondek inspired the past Executive Board with her enthusiasm and gracious leadership in many significant areas.

The Recruitment Committee under the able chairmanship of Mrs. Emalee Philpott, and with the assistance of the School Library Committee, activated an enthusiastic Student Library Association of Arizona, which had its first organizational meeting on the University of Arizona campus last October. Participation in this organization has been widespread and it should be instrumental in interesting young people in librarianship.

Mrs. Alice B. Good accepted the chairmanship of the Library Development steering committee. This committee will give guidance, and impetus to a forward-looking library program for the state. It will study the library needs of the state giving primary attention to the Library Extension program recommending legislation that will further library service to the state.

Jack McDonald did a dynamic job as chairman of National Library Week. The participation in this annual week has been increasing and the values accrued from this participation immeasurable.

Congratulations to Mr. Donald Bentz, general chairman, Mr. Fleming Bennett, program chairman, and all the other members who worked so

diligently to make the Convention such an outstanding success. Miss Ahlers and Mrs. Moore gave very inspiring and professionally rewarding interpretation to the standards and to the role of the trustee in the association.

The current year can truly be called the year of STANDARDS. Our task now is to implement developments in order to extend and provide a more adequate service for the increasing numbers of readers in this fast-growing state.

I hope everyone has a happy summer's vacation and will return with renewed vigor for an active fall season.

Every library should try to be complete on something, if it were only the history of pinheads.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes
"The Poet at the Breakfast Table"

S.L.A.A. CONVENTION 1960

Henry Beumler, president of the Student Library Association of Arizona, announced at the ASLA Convention in Tucson that the 1960 convention of SLAA will be held on the Arizona State University campus, Tempe, on October 8th.

Plans for a rewarding program are now being made and will be announced as soon as they are completed. Further information may be obtained from Henry Beumler, S L A A President, Douglas High School, Douglas, Arizona.

PROCEEDINGS Thirty-first Annual Convention

ARIZONA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
APRIL 22-24, 1960 - TUCSON, ARIZONA

The Thirty-First Annual Convention of the Arizona State Library Association, held April 22-24, 1960 at the El Conquistador Hotel, Tucson had as its theme "School Library Standards." Approximately 250 members attended the three-day session.

First General Session

The First General Session convened Friday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m. in the Turquoise Room of the hotel. Mrs. Sue Gondek, A.S.L.A. President, extended greetings to all present and then introduced the convention program chairman, Mr. Fleming Bennett, who in turn presented Mr. Raymond Brandes, the first speaker of the afternoon. Mr. Brandes, Historian of the Arizona Historical Society, told of the wealth of material the Historical Society possesses in both its library and museum located in Tucson.

Miss Phyllis Ball then spoke on the newly organized Special Collections Divisions of which she is librarian at the University of Arizona Library. According to Miss Ball, the library first started collecting material relating to Arizona in 1918 at the time Miss Estelle Luttrell, twice president of A.S.L.A., was University Librarian. Both afternoon speakers possess a common goal in their work—that of preserving the history of this state.

The afternoon session was followed by tours of the following Tucson libraries and museums: Arizona Historical Society, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona Library's Special Collection Division, The Children's Literature Reading Room and Curriculum Library of the College of Education, and the Tucson Public Library.

First Business Session

After an informal dinner, Mrs. Gondek called the first business session to order at 8:00 p.m., Friday. Miss Jennie Welcome was named parliamentarian for all business sessions of the convention.

The proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual Convention, having been published in the Spring 1959 issue of the ARI-

ZONA LIBRARIAN, were approved without formal reading.

The Treasurer's annual report, submitted by Mrs. Mary Godsell, showed a balance of \$1802.87 in the general fund and \$1062.30 in the Scholarship Fund as of March 31, 1960.

A financial statement of the ARIZONA LIBRARIAN was presented by its editor, Mr. Cecil Wellborn. After reporting the balance of \$79.80 on hand as of April 2, 1960, Mr. Wellborn expressed his opinion that the periodical could no longer operate financially on the present "fifty-cents-per-member" basis.

Mrs. Gondek reviewed the accomplishments of the executive board and the association as a whole during her year as president. A.S.L.A. representation at the A.L.A. luncheon honoring United States Congressmen and at the "White House Conference on Children and Youth" were high lights of the year.

The president then named the following committees:

RESOLUTIONS — Mrs. Inez Moffitt, chairman; Mrs. Marguerite Cooley, and Miss Velma Disbrow.

AUDIT — Miss Dorothy Siebecker, chairman; Mrs. Mayone Burns, and Mrs. Juliet Bilke.

BUDGET — Mr. Frank Schneider, chairman; Mrs. Betty Thomas, and Mrs. Godsell.

BY-LAWS — Mr. William Bartels, chairman; Miss Mae Wilita, and Miss Gertrude James.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT — Mrs. Alice B. Good, chairman; Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Claire Alberts, Mrs. Edwyne Rosenbaum, Miss Jean M. Stewart, Mrs. Alberta Titus, and Mr. Walter Varner, Jr.

The Public Libraries Committee, according to its chairman, Mrs. Mildred Ludecke (1) continued its regular activity of circulating professional periodicals to small libraries throughout the state, (2) co-sponsored several Library Trustee workshops with the Library Extension Service, and (3) helped

gather information for Mrs. Elizabeth Moore's study of "The Impact of the Library Service Act on the Rural Development in Arizona." Mrs. Moore then presented an analysis and resume of her findings.

Chairman William Mitchell gave the report of the School Libraries Committee. A major project of the committee in 1959-60 was surveying 585 Arizona schools, both elementary and high schools, to determine the current status of libraries in the schools of the state. Committee members also helped the Recruitment Committee organize the "Student Library Association of Arizona," and Mr. Herbert McClure, State Director of Elementary Education, spoke to school librarians at a meeting held for them when the Arizona Education Association had its annual convention in November.

Speaking as chairman of the College and Special Libraries Committee, Mrs. Josephine Mackenzie reported her committee had recommended that the project of the "Union Catalog of Arizona" be removed from her committee, which rotates its membership annually, and be put in the hands of an appointed committee which would serve until the project is completed. After its release, the committee worked exclusively on setting up an "Inter-library loan of scientific and technical material in Arizona libraries."

The secretary was asked to announce the results of the election, which was conducted by mail ballot in compliance with Article III of the By-Laws. The following officers were named for 1960-61: Mrs. Wilma Heisser, President; Mr. William Mitchell, First Vice-President; Mrs. Emalee Philpott, Second Vice-President; Miss Lora Jean Wheeler, Secretary; and Mrs. Catherine Chadwick, S.W.L.A. Councilor.

Second General Session

Mrs. Gondek presided at the Second General Session, which was called to order at 9:30 a.m., Saturday. Mr. F. T. Gibbins, Tucson City Councilman and member of the Board of Trustees of the Tucson Public Library, extended greetings and words of welcome to the association on behalf of Mayor Don Hummel, who was unable to attend the convention.

Mrs. Gondek then read a telegram of greetings and best wishes for a successful conference and a good year, sent

by Mr. Benjamin Powell, President of the American Library Association.

Mrs. Philpott, chairman of the Recruitment Committee, who was introduced, gave a resume of her committee's work. She stated that three years ago, the Recruitment Committee undertook the project of promoting a state organization of high school student library assistants. Mrs. Philpott was most happy to present Mr. Henry Beumler, Douglas High School, the first president of such a student association which held its organizational meeting October 10, 1959, on the campus of the University of Arizona.

Mr. Beumler named other officers of the S.L.A.A. They are: Miss Donna Curtis, Thatcher, Vice-President; Miss Beverly Baker, South Mountain, Recording Secretary; Bill Witcher, Brophy College Preparatory, Treasurer; Bob Hollister, Phoenix Central, Parliamentarian; Dennis Branger, Brophy, Historian. Miss Roberta Browning, Rincon High, Tucson, succeeded Miss Baker as secretary following the latter's resignation. The organization had over 200 members representing 47 schools as of January 30; the treasury had a balance of \$86.43. The executive board which had held three meetings at the time of the report, plans to hold the first annual conference of the association on the campus of Arizona State University in the fall of 1960.

Asked to speak for the American Library Association, Mrs. Lutie Higley gave some of the past accomplishments of the association and urged all A.S.L.A. members to affiliate with the A.L.A.

"How will the new School Library Standards affect all libraries?" was the topic discussed by the convention's key speaker, Miss Eleanor Ahlers, Executive Secretary of the American Association of School Librarians. Miss Ahlers placed importance on using the standards as goals and purposes to be achieved. The well-known committee members, consultants, and members of lay groups who worked on the recently published standards, meant for them to be used as an "elevation tool." Miss Ahlers also stressed the importance of the librarian as a "personality person."

According to Miss Ahlers, work has already started in selected states to see the effect the standards are having on libraries. A grant is also being requested to learn the impact of education today on the library.

The three "Circles of Information,"

were scheduled for 11:00 a.m. and their leaders were:

LIBRARY LEGISLATION—Mr. Bartels

RECRUITMENT—Miss Welcome

PUBLIC RELATION—Mr. Bennett

**Workshop for Trustees
And Trustees' Buffet**

Mrs. Merlin M. Moore, State Supervisor of Elementary Libraries in Arkansas and Immediate Past-President of the American Association of Library Trustees, was guest speaker of Arizona Trustees at a workshop held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and again at a buffet for trustees held at the hotel pool at 12:30 p.m. "More Effective Trusteeship in Arizona" and "The Challenge of Superior Service Standards" were the subjects of Mrs. Moore's addresses.

Mr. Varner presided at the business session of the group's first annual meeting and was re-elected to serve as chairman for a second year.

Tucson Public Library Board of Trustees members, Mrs. Alice Dunham, Mrs. Alberts, and Mr. Gibbings acted as hosts to the trustees during their one-day session.

Third General Session

The Third General Session was called to order at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. In reporting for the National Defense Education Act, A.S.L.A. chairman, Miss Nell Manuel, asked if our association really wanted lobbying on this measure. If so, money is still available to activate it.

Miss Manuel was followed by Mr. Bartels, chairman of the Legislative Committee, who stated that during the past year the Legislative Committee was concerned with (1) one piece of Arizona legislation, and (2) action of the Arizona Education Association regarding the certification of school librarians.

Both Mrs. Chadwick and Mrs. Good of the Department of Library and Archives, were optimistic in thinking the bill to extend the Library Services Act for another five year period will be passed. They stressed the fact that everyone's efforts are needed to see it is passed.

Mr. Varner reported that he, as chairman of the Board of Trustees, has toured much of Arizona's outlying districts during the past year and has distributed a **TRUSTEE'S HANDBOOK** which his committee drew up.

The program of the afternoon, consisting of a panel discussion on "School

Library Standards" was moderated by Mr. Charles Gardner, Librarian, Instructional Aids Department, Tucson Public Schools, who re-emphasized the "Standards" as goals and evaluative tools.

Panel members and their topics were: **MR. McLURE:** Implementation of the Standards as seen by the State Department of Public Instruction.

MRS. MOFFITT: How the New Standards will affect library education.

MISS MANUEL: The responsibility of the school librarian in promoting the implementation of the Standards.

MRS. ELIZABETH MUIR, Fort Lowell Elementary School, Tucson: The role of the classroom teacher in implementing the New Standards.

MISS AHLERS: Implementing the New Standards in Arizona.

The thoughts of the panelists were tied together by the statement that the librarian, the classroom teacher, and the instructor in the library school and the teacher training school must each and all be salesmen and good salesmen. Even with standards, the school library is as good as its teachers, librarians, and/or administrators want it to be.

Miss Ahlers felt that school library supervision was very important in striving to have good libraries and in meeting the new standards. Arizona's next step, she stated, is attaining good supervision. To attain it, there must be a long-range goal and a short-range goal.

Members of the audience and the panel participated in a brief question and answer period following the panel discussion.

Banquet Meeting

Mr. Sidney Dawson, vocalist, accompanied by Mrs. Paul Grimes, favored those attending the banquet with popular songs.

The guest speaker of the evening, Mr. Leo Politi, author, illustrator, and Caldecott Medal winner, chose for his address "The Wonderful World of Children's Books." Mr. Politi traced his own work from the time he first started illustrating for other writers to his latest book. He told how he came about choosing the settings and the plots for several of his better known works. Mr. Politi was most gracious in answering questions asked by individuals in his audience.

Mrs. Gondek then introduced several other guests seated at the head table

and expressed her thanks to her Executive Board members and everyone else who had made this such a successful year for the association.

She asked past presidents, who had already received their past president's pin, to stand as she named them. She then introduced Mrs. Wilma Heisser, Public Relations chairman, who in turn asked the two recipients of last year's awards to come forward and make the presentations to the 1959-60 winners. Mr. Peter Bomm, representing the Superior Library Board, graciously accepted the Trustee's plaque, presented by Mr. Varner. Mrs. Elizabeth Cummings named Mrs. Dixie Thompson the "Outstanding Librarian of the Year" and presented her with the award pin.

Final Business Session

The final business session was called to order by Mrs. Gondek at 10:00 a.m., April 24. Preceding the association's actual business activities, Mrs. Moore spoke briefly on librarians' relationships with library trustees, who represent the public. She stressed the importance of public relations, as a whole, in the field of librarianship.

Mrs. Gondek introduced Mr. Don Bentz, general chairman of the convention and expressed her deep gratitude to him and to all individuals who had helped to make the thirty-first annual convention a successful one. Members of the various planning committees are:

RESERVATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS—Mrs. Cummings, chairman; Mrs. Luanne Scheuerman, Mrs. Millicent Palmer, Mrs. Mayone Burns, and Miss Jean Cobb.

PROGRAM—Mr. Bennett, chairman, and Mrs. Elinor Saltus.

EXHIBITS—Mr. Gardner, chairman, and Mr. Ralph Hayden.

PUBLICITY—Mrs. Murvise Odom, chairman; Mrs. Chadwick, and Mrs. Heisser.

Mrs. Saltus, chairman of the School Library Standards Implementation Committee for Arizona, then explained the purpose of her committee which is to bring the **NEW STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAMS** to the attention of all librarians, school officials, teachers, parents, and citizens of the state and to aid in putting the standards into effect. Plans for her committee's work including writing articles for state education magazines, revising a

manual of procedure for school librarians of the state, and formulating minimum standards for school libraries of Arizona from the findings of the "Survey of School Libraries" mentioned by Mr. Mitchell in his report.

Mr. Schneider then presented a proposed budget for the association for 1960-61 as drawn by the Budget Committee. Because of deficit spending in the past, Mr. Schneider recommended mimeographing when possible and the use of U. S. Mail rather than AT&T. He further stated that change-of-address notification from the membership would greatly reduce costs. The committee based its budget on the 1959-60 membership with \$3.00 annual dues as average per member. The report was accepted as read. (Itemized report is appended.)

After discussing the association expenses, dues, et cetera, the following two motions were presented and unanimously approved: (1) Mr. Bartels moved the Executive Board appoint a committee to explore the raising of dues. This will involve studying the dues structure in other states and a careful analysis of the whole situation. (2) Since the new constitution may take care of such a contingency, Mrs. Marion Glover, with Mr. Bartels' amendment, moved the association grant the Executive Board discretion to appropriate toward the expenses of the association's councilors to A.L.A. and S.W.L.A. conferences.

It was then suggested that the association recognize all councilors who in the past have paid their own expenses to such conferences.

After hearing and approving the proposed budget, the Recruitment Committee's recommendation to transfer \$500 from the General Fund to the Scholarship Fund was not approved.

Mrs. Inez Moffitt, chairman of the Resolutions Committee submitted the following resolutions which were approved, after Mr. Bartels moved that each resolution be voted on separately:

WHEREAS, the 1960 Convention of the Arizona State Library Association has proven a most informative and professionally stimulating event,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association express its sincere appreciation to Mr. Donald Bentz and to his various committees, as well as to the management of the El Conquistador Hotel and the Western Flower Shop, for planning

and managing this memorable event, and that the Secretary be instructed to express our appreciation to all of these persons and groups in writing.

WHEREAS the success of the Library Convention is greatly enhanced by the cooperation of the exhibitors, and

WHEREAS the 1960 exhibitors have been faithful and patient during the entire convention,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Arizona State Library Association express its appreciation to the exhibitors for their important part in the success of the convention.

WHEREAS the Legislative Committee recommends certain legislation,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Arizona State Library Association recommend to the Board of Regents that the compact be amended to enable persons desiring to become professional librarians be included in the provisions of the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Arizona State Library Association recommend legislation increasing the membership of the Advisory Board of Curators from three to five members and to include in its membership a professional librarian, one member of a duly constituted Library Board, and at least one member of the legal profession. The Board will act in an advisory capacity as well as in the appointment of the Director of Library and Archives.

BE IT RESOLVED that, if the federal Library Services Act is extended to cover the full amount of \$37,500,000 as originally planned but not appropriated, that we cooperate with the Federal Government in extending our state plan of extension.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association urge the continuation of library extension services as now operating either with the cooperation of the State and Federal Governments or wholly as a state project when the Federal plan has ended.

The question of the salary of the Director of Arizona State Library and Archives came up after the last resolution. Mr. Bennett recommended that the Legislative Committee of A.S.L.A. for next year be properly instructed to investigate salaries of such positions in

other states and other positions on the state level in Arizona.

Mrs. Gondek then formally presented her gavel to Mrs. Heisser, the incoming president, who very graciously accepted it and the duties of her new position.

In Mrs. Heisser's brief acceptance speech, she named the following committee chairmen to her Executive Board: Mrs. Jane Peters, Public Libraries; Mrs. Helen Moffat, School Libraries; Mr. Donald Powell, College and Special Libraries; Miss Gertrude Theyer, Legislative; Mrs. Marguerite Cooley, Membership; Mrs. Alice Good, Library Development Study; Mr. Harold Batchelor, Federal Relations Coordinator; and Mr. Wallace Bump, National Defense Education Act.

The convention was officially adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
GRACE YODER, Secretary.

Circles of Information

LIBRARY LEGISLATION: A report was made concerning the legislation presented to the State Legislature during the last session. Resolutions to be presented by the Legislative Committee were read and discussed. In the discussion it was mentioned forcibly that the State Association should take action to raise the salary of the Director of the State Department of Library and Archives. The group felt that this was necessary and long overdue for Mrs. Alice Good, the present director, whose service, vision, experience, knowledge and "know-how" has led to library development in many areas in our state. It is necessary to insure top quality persons in this position in the future and to raise the salaries of other persons in the department.

The discussion also dealt with the advisability of studying the present library legislation at the state level and making recommendations for changes that might be necessary to further the library program in all library areas, and to clarify existing legislation.

—William Bartels

RECRUITMENT: It was pointed out that we need to recruit both student helpers for our own libraries and also new members for the profession. Though few of our high school helpers become librarians, they nevertheless grow up to

be perhaps principals, school board members, or just taxpayers, who should be library-oriented. It therefore is beneficial to the profession to train students. It was also mentioned that the new association, the Student Library Association of Arizona, has had a stabilizing effect on student assistants, causing more of them to stay on the staff throughout the whole year.

Mrs. Moffitt, Arizona State University, told of her class for teachers in which they learn to use the library in their teaching. She said the new understanding of the library which her students gained, often inspired them to take additional training and get a minor in Library Science, or even to go all the way and become professional librarians — Jennie Welcome

PUBLIC RELATIONS: A group of approximately thirty joined Fleming Bennett in discussing Public Relations. The discussion focussed upon the various "publics" served by libraries and upon methods of cultivating fruitful relationships with them. There was general agreement that the crucial factor in any library's public relations program is the degree of satisfaction experienced by those who come to the library for information or materials. Ideally, patrons must receive precisely what they want; but, if this is not possible, they must at least believe that the librarian has exhausted every possibility to secure it for them.

—Fleming Bennett

Arizona State Library Association TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1, 1959 - March 31, 1960

GENERAL FUND

Balance - April 1, 1959\$2192.00

Receipts

Dues for 1959\$ 414.00

Convention Registration
(1959) 2195.05

Dues for 1960 472.00

Exhibit Space
(1959) 100.00

Exhibit Space
(1960) 570.00

Total Receipts\$3751.05

Old Balance plus Receipts\$5943.05

Disbursements

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March 31, 1960.....\$2865.17

Arizona State Library Association PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1960-61

School Libraries Committee\$ 25.00

Public Libraries Committee 25.00

College and Special Libraries 25.00

SWLA Biennial Dues

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Frank Schneider, chairman.

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Total Assets	\$1827.12
EXPENSES, 6-6-58 to 4-21-60	
Printing	\$1821.01
Postage	48.41
Mimeographing	15.65
Supplies	6.75
Repayment of Subsidy to ASLA	55.50
Total Expenses	\$1747.32
BALANCE, 4-21-60	\$ 79.80
Balance in Bank	\$ 32.61
Checks on Hand	40.50
Cash on Hand	6.69
	\$ 79.80

Committee Reports

Report on Public Relations

All librarians, state-wide, were urged to cooperate with Newspaper Week both to interest and acquaint patrons with the type of coverage given by local and national papers and to cement better relations between libraries and their local papers. The response was encouraging and during the past year publicity for libraries and library events has been excellent.

The Executive Board decided to continue the awards of Librarian of the Year, Board of Trustees of the Year and to honor retiring librarians. They also decided to honor the past presidents of the organization for their numerous contributions with a past-president's pin. These pins were sent out by Miss Marie Siedentopf, Awards Selection Committee Chairman, in the early spring and very appreciative letters were received from these wonderful individuals who have worked so hard so that the association can have its present stature and strength.

A beautiful traveling plaque awarded Yuma Public Library Trustees last year was awarded to Superior Public Library Board, which has done an outstanding job in the face of adverse conditions. They built book shelves, painted the library interior and exterior, held barbeques and fashion shows to provide necessary funds, along with their policy-making and such related activities. The Committee was impressed with the performance of their role above and beyond the call of duty. Mr. Varner,

chairman of the Yuma Board, made the presentation.

The Librarian of the Year selection was made from a number of worthy nominations. Our awardee, Mrs. Dixie Thompson, has long been a productive member of the association. She had been president of ASLA, served on numerous committees, acted in a highly professional manner as a teacher, librarian and presently as an administrative officer in the Osborn School District. Throughout the life of the Certification Committee, she worked diligently to achieve the certification of school librarians. The recipient was presented her pin by the previous honoree, Mrs. Elizabeth Cummings. The convention gave her a standing ovation to which she replied with a gracious acceptance speech. Mrs. Thompson received very favorable local publicity concerning her recognition.

Membership Committee Report

Mrs. Elizabeth Moore and I prepared a promotional leaflet in the fall to emphasize the values in belonging to the Arizona State Library Association. This material was combined with the State Convention notices in the spring which meant a savings in postage. The total expenses amounted to \$1.55 because there was an additional savings; the 500 promotional leaflets were printed and the paper donated by the Arizona State Library Extension Service. There were 205 paid members before the Convention opened while an additional 56 members paid their dues during the session.

—Gertrude B. Thayer, chairman.

Recruitment Committee Report

So many people have helped on the Recruitment Committee project this year, that your chairman is not sure who are official members and who assisted out of the goodness of their hearts. Among them, however, the following are surely on the official roster:

Father Francis J. Fox, Mrs. Helen Moffat, Mrs. Inez Moffitt, Miss Elizabeth Baughn, Mrs. Azelia Insalla, and Miss Jennie Welcome (by virtue of the fact that one of her students was elected president of the Students Library Association of Arizona).

The School Libraries Committee acted with Recruitment on its major project, and to them the Recruitment Chairman extends many thanks. Many more of you gave of your time and assistance, so many that all the names are not

even known by your chairman. To you go our deep gratitude and the hope that you also will feel the swelling sense of pride in the achievement you will hear about in a few minutes.

The Committee this year has extended its distribution of recruitment literature directly to high school students at the SLAA organization meeting in October. A supply of these pamphlets are still available free from the committee.

Notice of dues for membership in the Joint Committee for Librarianship as a Career has been received by your chairman. It has been the policy of the Association to pay these in the name of the Recruitment Chairman in order that he may receive THE CLEARING HOUSE and other materials they distribute. The Committee recommends that this be continued and that the dues be paid again for this year.

It has become the custom of the Association to add annually to the ASLA Scholarship Fund. The Recruitment Committee, after due consideration of the healthy state of the treasury, recommends that \$500 be transferred to the ASLA Scholarship Fund.

It is further recommended that the Association explore the possibility of offering a grant in an amount to cover the cost of tuition and registration in six to twelve hours of Library Science in summer school, this grant to be made to someone who has demonstrated his interest in librarianship, perhaps even someone who is already serving in the profession in some capacity but who has insufficient training to be classed as a trained librarian. This investigation should disclose whether such a grant can be made at this time and set the qualifications of the recipient.

Three years ago the Recruitment Committee undertook the project of promoting a state organization of high school student library assistants. It is a very happy privilege to report that such an association is now a reality in Arizona, which is, I believe, the 27th state to so organize. But it is with even greater pride and happiness to be able to introduce to ASLA, the one who will tell you about it. He is one who has the very affectionate respect of all those who have worked with him. Moreover, he has proved a very capable and efficient leader, and as his second in command, who happens to be one of my students, says, "Besides, he's a lot of fun!" Henry Beumler, of Douglas High

School, is first state president of the Students Library Association of Arizona. Emalee E. Philpott, chairman.

Legislative Committee Report

This year your committee was concerned with one piece of legislation and action of the Arizona Education Association regarding the certification of school librarians.

A bill was introduced in the House of the Arizona State Legislature enabling county or regional library headquarters to be placed in communities other than the county seat. This legislation passed the House but was not released from committee in the Senate to permit the Senate to vote upon it. The work of the Extension Division has not been hindered because this bill failed to pass. It would have clarified the existing law.

Some school superintendents had been requesting that the standards for the certification of school librarians be changed to enable persons with library science degrees or with courses to their credit in this area but lacking the educational course requirements be permitted certification. This problem was referred to the Certification Sub-Committee of the Teacher Education and Professional Standards Committee. It was agreed that to permit librarians to substitute library science courses for education required courses would be lowering standards. Certification requirements for school librarians remain unchanged.

Federal Relations Coordinator's Report

Rather than make a lengthy report explaining why the ALA requested an extension of the Library Services Act, I shall cite the report to the Council from the Federal Relations Committee in the March 1960 issue of ALA BULLETIN.

The future looks bright for the Library Services Act. The most confirmed optimists among us could scarcely have hoped for better treatment or predicted a more enthusiastic response than this program for the extension and improvement of rural public library service in the U. S. has been receiving in the past few weeks in Washington.

Some of the great achievements during the first four years of the program are:

1. Thirty million rural people now have new or improved public library services available to them as a result

of this cooperative state-local-federal program.

2. State appropriations for public library service to rural areas have increased 54% since 1956.

3. More than 5 million books and other informational and educational materials have been added to the cultural resources of rural communities.

4. State library extension agencies have been able to strengthen their staffs and resources to assist rural communities in improving their library services. Some 90 field consultants were added to state agency staffs, an increase of 80% over total field staff in 1956.

The House on March 29th passed by a record vote of 362 to 10 and sent to the Senate H. R. 11390, the money bill for the Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare Departments. Included in this bill is \$7,500,000 to extend the Library Services Act for 1961.

On March 29th, April 6th and 7th, hearings were held by the Special Education Subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee on the 52 bills which have been introduced in the House, by Congressmen from 33 states to extend the Library Services Act for five years after June 30, 1961. Representative Stewart L. Udall of Arizona introduced one of these bills.

Three similar bills, to extend the Library Services Act for five years after June 30, 1961 have been introduced in the Senate. More than one-half of the Senate membership (53 co-sponsors) have supported these three bills. This clear indication of extraordinary support is a tribute to the legislation and the States' administration of the present act.

Letters of appreciation and information have been sent to thirty-four Representatives who have introduced bills to extend the L.S.A. after 1961, and to the three Senators and their co-sponsors. Responses have been received from thirteen Representatives and three Senators.

Dixie Thompson,
Federal Relations Coordinator

College and Special Libraries Committee Report

At the time of its appointment the College and Special Libraries Committee was expected to make as much progress as possible in preparation of a Union Catalog of Arizona. The value of such a list is undeniable and the assignment was undertaken by each member

of the committee with lively hopes as an undertaking of importance and of general interest.

Periodic meetings were called where the Committee discussed the scope to be covered (including a definition or statement of content of the word "Arizona" itself) which would be acceptable to the membership of the Association. And we considered the amount of progress we might hope to make during the remainder of our year of service.

These general discussions were continued at the several meetings of the Committee, but even at the one held on September 26 no conclusion had been reached. It was then agreed that the importance of the project and the work necessary to be done in connection with it were beyond the capabilities of any committee whose term of office would expire within a few months; and the chairman was instructed to prepare a report to the President-requesting that this Committee be relieved and that a special (standing) committee be appointed—a committee whose membership would not change from year to year but would continue indefinitely, and who, by reason of that longevity, could make plans and expect to see completion of the Union Catalog.

Furthermore, we were reminded that the College and Special Libraries Committee was failing to perform work of its own, and that really we had no business trying to undertake the Union List of Arizona while our own tasks remained unfinished.

The vote was unanimous that we give our reasons to the Executive Board for wishing to relinquish leadership in the project to a special committee . . . and this was done on October 3 at the Executive Board meeting. The correspondence file, which had been held by your Committee, was turned over to the Secretary at that meeting.

As the first object of our efforts your Committee now sought to compile a list of periodical holdings in the several college and special libraries of the state—for the purpose of improving the exchange of materials on interlibrary loan as a benefit to all library users.

It was suggested that a brief letter of explanation be sent to each college and special librarian asking whether titles and holdings of periodicals in each library would be contributed to the joint effort. The sending out of these letters has necessarily awaited completion of the list of special libraries scattered over

the area near Phoenix. Thus, although we approached our task with enthusiasm, the pressure of seemingly endless daily problems bogged us down, and the work has progressed at a slow pace. The long delay has been the fault of your Committee's chairman. The members of the Committee have responded promptly and willingly to every call made upon them.

Josephine Mackenzie, chairman.

School Library Committee Report

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES FOR 1959: The School Library Committee's work was mainly concerned with three projects relating to school library affairs during the year 1959:

1. The Formation of the Student Library Association of Arizona.
2. School library meeting during the Arizona Education Association Convention, Tucson, November 7, 1959.
3. Survey of School Libraries in Arizona.

With the help of many school librarians throughout the state, the School Library Committee was able to assist Mrs. Emalee Philpott and the Recruitment Committee see the fruition of three years' work in organizing the Students Library Association with their first organizational meeting held on the University of Arizona Campus, October 10, 1959.

Approximately 135 students attended the meeting, luncheon and guided tours of the University of Arizona Library and the Curriculum Laboratory Library, of the Education Department.

Miss Grace Yoder and staff of Tucson School Librarians handled registration matters. William Mitchell, Tucson, was program chairman.

On November 7th, 1959, Mr. Herbert McLure, State Director of Elementary Education, addressed a meeting of eighty school librarians held during the Arizona Education Association Convention in Tucson, Arizona.

Mr. McLure, calling librarians "Lamp-lighters," clearly pointed out the role of the librarian in the schools of Arizona. He also told of some of his experiences while traveling about the state. He asked for help in bettering school libraries in Arizona, especially in the elementary field.

Mrs. Helen Moffat, Mesa High School, arranged the meeting.

Soon after the Arizona Education Association Convention meeting, the School Library Committee began work

on a questionnaire to determine the current status of libraries in the schools of Arizona. To the best of the Committee's knowledge this questionnaire is the first attempt to survey every school in the state. The survey was sent to 585 schools. Returns were received from over 350 schools. Questions on the survey covered: type of library, number of volumes, personnel, housing, budget, book selections and general policies concerning libraries.

Miss Ruth Maloney and Miss Nell Manuel worked as consultants to the Committee on the survey.

The Committee wishes to thank our president, Mrs. Sue Gondek, for her ever-helpful suggestions and support of this project; and also the Executive Board for approval and support of the work of the Committee for the past year.

The Committee wishes to thank Mr. Herbert McLure and the State Department of Public Instruction for their cooperation in carrying out the survey.

Recommendations and possible activities for the year 1960:

1. Recommend that the survey of school libraries be completed and the results published.
2. Urge the Association to recommend that a director of libraries on the state level be employed by the State Department of Public Instruction—one who could work on problems such as certification, the librarian's status, planning new libraries, school library standards, etc.
3. Recommend to the Association that the School Library Committee be increased from three to five members. The number of librarians has increased, the libraries have increased, and the numerous problems relating to school libraries have increased. To accomplish the future work of the Committee, it is recommended that there be a change in the By-Laws of the Association to provide for a five member committee.
4. Recommend that the Committee work for a more active participation of all school librarians in local, state, and national library organizations. This may be accomplished by an intensive membership campaign to urge every person in a library position to become a member of the organizations mentioned above.
5. Recommend that this Committee assist the Implementations of School

Library Standards Committee in their work.

6. Recommend that the Committee investigate the possibility of revising the Library Book List and manual published by the State Department of Public Instruction some years ago. Many requests have been coming to the State Department and this Committee for such a list.

William M. Mitchell, chairman.

Public Library Committee Report

The Public Library Committee has continued one of its regular activities: The Round Robin circulation of professional periodicals to small libraries throughout the state. An encouraging sign is that some of the original libraries are now subscribing to the periodicals and have asked to be dropped from the list. However, the volume stays fairly constant, as new libraries are continually being added.

Because of the importance of trustees in the operation of a public library, the Committee voted to co-sponsor the Trustee's Work Shop, and sent out some 160 letters to public libraries throughout the state.

The major project of the year, however, has been the gathering of information for a study of "The Impact of the Library Services Act on the Rural Library Development in Arizona."

All public libraries have been contacted, either by personal interview or by letter, and all but a very few have responded. Two questionnaires were developed for this study—one for libraries established since that date.

Mrs. Elizabeth Moore will present an analysis and resume of the findings.

Mildred C. Ludecke, chairman.

School Library Standards Implementation Committee Report

The purpose of the Arizona School Library Standards Implementation Committee is to bring to the attention of librarians, school officials, teachers, parents, and citizens of the state the new Standards for School Library Programs recently published by the American Association of School Librarians, and to aid in putting them into effect.

The first meeting was held on April 2, 1960, at the University of Arizona Library, followed by two meetings at the spring convention of this year.

At the first two meetings we explored the possible ways of carrying out our

purposes, and plans were made for having various members write articles for state education magazines. Tentative plans were also made for revising a manual of procedures for school librarians of the state.

At the last meeting held on Saturday, April 23, Mr. McLure, the Director of Elementary Education of the State Department of Public Instruction met with us and outlined the help that his department will give us, which was most encouraging.

The Committee plans to meet this fall in Phoenix to study the results of the survey of school libraries recently completed by the School Libraries Committee of the Arizona State Library Association and to present its findings to the State Department of Public Instruction as a whole. From this beginning it is hoped that minimum standards for school libraries of Arizona can be formulated. Further surveys will be made of the school library situation to complete information which is still needed. Mr. McLure assured the committee that the state department will share the responsibility for the next survey.

Plans for speaking to various groups within the state were discussed. Members of the committee plan to coordinate their efforts in a definite outline of state policies and to act as a speakers' bureau.

Publicity will be prepared to be distributed at the time that Books on Exhibit appears in various localities.

The Committee will welcome suggestions from ASLA on opportunities for presenting the standards to various state groups.

Mrs. Helen M. Moffat, chairman.

DON POWELL'S NEW BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

The new book by Donald M. Powell, Reference Department, U. of A. Library, is now available from local bookstores. It is entitled "THE PERALTA GRANT" (University of Oklahoma Press, 1960).

Mr. Powell was the popular feature at an autographing party at the Western Savings in Scottsdale, Saturday, May 21st. An article on the famous land fraud case, also written by Mr. Powell, appeared in "Arizona Days and Ways," Arizona Republic, Sunday, May 15th.

NEWS and MISCELLANY

SALT RIVER VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The SRVLA enjoyed a dinner meeting on Saturday, May 14th, at Tang's Rice Bowl. Margaret Carr, Phoenix Union High School Librarian, was dinner chairman. The guest speaker, Ralph Haver, is the successful architect who has designed many well-known buildings in the Valley. The decorations committee were Mrs. Alma Munsell and Mrs. Mabel MacDonald.

This dinner meeting featured the election of new officers. Those nominated for office were: President, Mrs. Helen Moffat; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Inez Moffit; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Dorothea White; Secretary, Mrs. Jeanette Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. Minnie B. Old.

NEWS OF PERSONAGES

Mrs. Katherine Matchett, Western Michigan University, has joined the staff of the Matthews Library, ASU.

Mrs. Grace Brundage is looking forward to her new position as librarian in the Alhambra School District beginning Sept. 1960.

Mr. Frank Schneider has been appointed to fill the new position of Assistant Librarian of the Matthews Library, ASU, to become effective July 1, 1960.

Miss Gertrude Hill, Director of the Museum Library, Santa Fe, New Mexico,

is also joining the Matthews Library staff on July 1st, as Special Collections Librarian.

Ella Mae Bergman is leaving Phoenix Union High School Library at the end of this year to become librarian at T. S. Coe Grammar School next fall.



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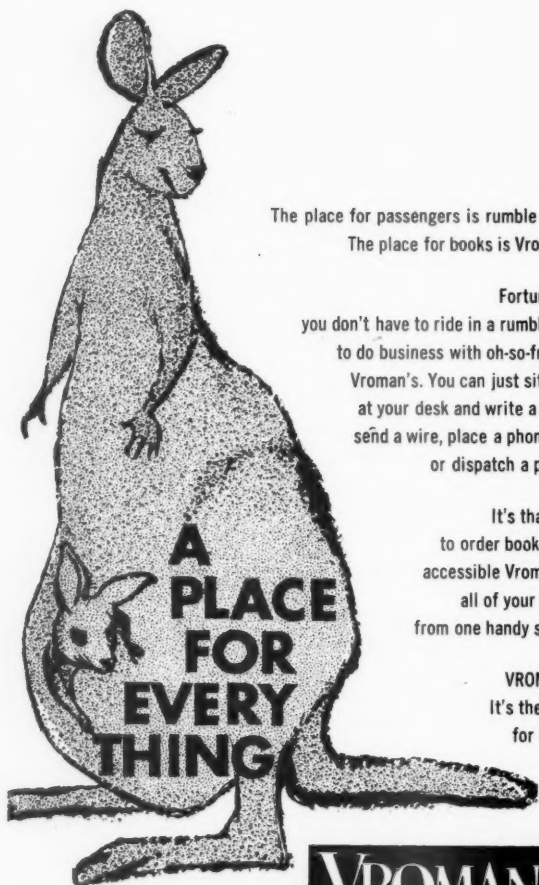
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